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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS CITED BY OFFICIALS OF NATIONAL BANK OF
LAOS

REF: A. VIENTIANE 322,B. VIENTIANE 333

1. DESK OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF "ESCROW ACCOUNT
NO. 3" WITH CHASE MANHATTAN INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT
OFFICER HANDLING LAO ACCOUNTS. CHASE REFUSAL TO TRANSFER
79,000 DOLLAR AMOUNT (OCT 20) WAS BASED ON CHASE'S INTER-
PRETATION OF LAO TELEX OF SEPTEMBER 29 THAT REQUEST
RELATED TO DEMAND DEPOSIT NO. 00/1/547494 AND NOT TO TIME
DEPOSIT. DEMAND DEPOSIT, AT THAT TIME, DID NOT CONTAIN
ENOUGH MONEY SO REQUEST WAS REFUSED. SINCE THEN DEMAND
DEPOSIT HAS GROWN TO APPROXIMATELY 82,000 DOLS AND TRANS-
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FER FROM THIS ACCOUNT COULD NOW BE EFFECTED. ALSO, LAO

TIME DEPOSIT WHICH "ROLLS OVER" EACH MONTH COULD ALSO BE USED TO EFFECT TRANSFER IF LAO WISH. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM TIME DEPOSIT WOULD ENTAIL LOSS OF INTEREST BACK TO LAST ROLLOVER DATE (FEB. 5, 1976), HOWEVER, IF LAO MOVE FUNDS BEFORE MARCH 8. THEREFORE, IF LAO STILL WISH TO TRANSFER MONEY, THEY SHOULD TELEX PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS TO CHASE (ATTN; MRS. BRADEN, INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, ASIA BANKING OFFICE, NEW YORK). CHASE IS READY, OF COURSE, TO TRANSFER TIME DEPOSIT FUNDS TO DEMAND DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AS SUGGESTED REF B, PARA 3, BUT WILL DO WHATEVER LAO WANT WITH THE MONEY.

2. DISCUSSION OF OTHER PROBLEM CITED BY NBL OFFICIAL
FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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